

Railway Commission to Visit West

Ottawa, July 7.—The railway commission is winding up business prior to departing for the west. The commissioners are looking forward with interest to their visit and especially to whether the business men of the west will do more than talk about railway blockades. They are willing to give careful consideration to all representations and will endeavor to show the people of the west that they are earnest in an endeavor to enforce railways to struggle with the transportation problem.

News From The Capital.

Ottawa, July 7.—Lieut. Col. Geo. G. O. of the pay branch of militia and defense did yesterday after an illness of about a year. He had been since 1884 with the militia. He belonged to the civil service since 1880 and in 1884 was appointed chief paymaster at Halifax. Owing to failing health he was forced to retire from these duties about a year ago. He came to this country with the regulars from England at the time of the Trent dispute in 1865 as a non-commissioned officer. He took part in the North-West campaign. The German Development Company of Montreal and Ottawa, which is financed by prominent men of Berlin, Germany, have sent out an expedition party into the Rocky Mountains, headed by the well known geologist, Dr. Dowling. Reports have just come that big coal fields have been discovered by that party not far from the Yellow Head Pass, where the G.P. and C.N.R. are planning to cross the mountains.

Sifton's Bank Account

Ottawa, July 7.—It is reported here that Hon. William Patterson has been considering the possibility of not being a candidate for Parliament again, and that he will be succeeded as a Liberal candidate in the North-West by John Brain, who is now associated with Clifford Sifton. Clifford Sifton, talking to the wealthy politicians of Canada, said that Hon. Clifford Sifton discounted all the politicians of the New Liberal school who are named in a bank account showing. He added that the ratings companies, which put the Sifton high in the list, did not quote to the examiner justice, as his "wealth" was "near \$40,000,000" and "not \$1,000,000 or \$2,000,000" as is generally reported. He did not credit the report that Sifton would renounce the cabinet, as Laurier could not afford to lose the support of the people after the next sitting of the House.

Trent Valley Canal Lock Opened.

At Kirkfield, Ont., on Saturday the big lift lock of the Trent Valley canal was officially opened. By the completion of this work an eight-foot waterway will connect the towns of Orillia and Barrie with Lindsay, Peterborough and other points, making a thousand miles of waterway through a populous part of the province. Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, the principal speaker and M. J. Butter, of the railways and canal department, was present. Mr. Lemieux after reviewing the history of canal building on this and the European continent said that the Trent Valley canal system was commenced in 1867. But the same energy been applied to it in the past ten years it would have been constructed a decade earlier.

Killed In Train Wreck.

Winnipeg, July 6.—Foreman Vance, 57, was killed in a wreck which occurred near Riverview last night on the C.N.R. Engineer Hamilton was badly scalded.

There Is Beef Combine

Wetaskiwin, Alta., July 7.—The Beef Commission concluded its sittings at Red Deer after hearing testimony from the various witnesses. James Spiers gave evidence to the effect that B. Burns had interviewed Stead, of the Dominion meat market a couple of weeks ago and proposed that they join together for the purpose of dropping the price of hogs in this province. Mr. Thorne, a buyer for the Dominion Meat Market at Red Deer, was put into the box and asked if he knew anything about the matter. He said that he had no direct evidence to give in the matter, but he believed it to be true. He has heard that Mr. Burns approached Mr. Stead in this connection and he, Mr. Stead, refused to join any such trust. The facts are that pork in the province has dropped about two cents a pound in the past week. Mr. Thorne also said that Mr. Burns' buyer for Red Deer also told him about two weeks ago that he was paying too much for hogs and wanted him to lower the price and when Mr. Thorne refused he was asked by Mr. Burns' buyer to refrain from buying any more until he was satisfied as to the matter. Mr. Stead, the manager of the Dominion Meat Market, with headquarters at Calgary, will be called to the stand to testify as to the truthfulness of the above.

Another witness made a strong plea for a cannery factory to be erected in conjunction with a pork packing plant, and that this factory is engaged in dairying and hog raising principally and that a cannery factory where they could sell their pork and cure was even more important than an establishment for the marketing of beef.

True Bills Against Galicians

Winnipeg, July 7.—The grand jury returned a true bill Saturday against the eleven Galicians who were committed on the charge of murdering Lutz Soborby on June 22. The second witness was summoned to give evidence in the case and as the majority of the Galicians the proceedings when commenced will occupy some days. A true bill was also returned against the Galician Alexander Chonko on the charge of murdering Annie Horan by the administration of poison at St. Clements on May 12. A second true bill was returned against Chonko for the attempted murder by poison of Topsy Horan and Roman Horan on May 12.

Body Has Been Identified

Winnipeg, July 6.—The mystery surrounding the dead body of a man, which has been lying since the C.P.R. station, was dispelled when the body was identified as that of Honore Magias, 18 years of age. It appears that the deceased was killed while working at the C.P.R. construction camp at Churubridge. The body of the deceased was sent to Winnipeg for burial where it has laid undisturbed since Thursday. The man left the city two weeks ago for Churubridge.

McBride Is Confident.

Montreal, July 6.—Premier McBride of B.C. stated today that the Conservatives would carry every province west of the Ottawa-river at the next federal election and that a Liberal would be elected in B. C.

Commissioner Race in Edmonton

T. H. Race, who is Dominion Commissioner for New Zealand, arrived in Edmonton the other day. Mr. Race, in Vancouver, recently, stated that New Zealanders are looking to Canada as the El Dorado of America and thousands will emigrate this year. Mr. Race is a brother of Mr. Race of the Edmonton Printing and Publishing Co., of this city, and Mr. C. E. Race of Alberta College.

Haywood Trial Nearing End

Boise, Idaho, July 7.—Council for the defense in the Haywood murder trial held a long conference today, at their own office and in the cell of Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone at the county jail, and it was said afterwards that it would be Wednesday before Haywood would take the oath as witness in his own behalf. The programme as it now stands is to begin Monday morning by the renewing of the deposition taken at San Francisco as to the explosion at the house of Fred Bradley. These depositions are to be supplemented later with the evidence of an expert in explosives. It is contended by the defense that if 10 pounds of dynamite had been exploded as Orchard swears were contained in the bombs he used, that the amount would have blown Bradley into pieces and destroyed the whole front of the building. Additional testimony was given to show that before he fled from the Coeur d'Alene in 1899, Orchard attempted to sell interest in the Hercules mine. There will be a showing also as to the movements and actions of the Simpson family who fled to Denver in the fall of 1905, after having parted with Orchard at Caldwell. This will about conclude the case except for the testimony of Haywood and Moyer. It is believed that Moyer's testimony can be reached by Thursday afternoon.

Outlaw Killed On The Boundary.

Vancouver, July 6.—Jake Terry, a notorious outlaw and fugitive from justice, was shot and killed at Sumas, on the international boundary line, thirty miles from here, by G.A. Lindsay. The latter was incensed because Terry had killed his former wife who is now married to Lindsay. Lindsay had threatened on several occasions that he would shoot Terry. Terry died immediately. Citizens are ready to furnish \$50,000 bail for Lindsay, who is popular in the boundary town. Terry had been ordered out of town last year and was despised by the citizens. He was living in Vancouver until yesterday, when he let for Sumas. His wife was engaged as G.P.R. detective in hunting down Bill Miner and his gang of train robbers, of which he professed to be a former member.

Plans Ready for Georgian Bay Canal

London, July 7.—Mr. Perks, M.P., referring to the Georgian Bay canal, stated: "My plans are all for the future and ready for presentation to the Canadian government. I am to go on board 'Laurier' on the subject of the canal. I have carefully scrutinized and checked the estimates, revenue and all the various engineering details. I conferred with friends in America and Canada as to the best methods of putting the business into a practical form. That has now been done and I shall after the interview with Premier Laurier, return to Canada to get the business completed."

Fell To Death In His Sleep.

Lachine, Que., July 7.—The fourteen year old son of Napoleon Robert, chief of police, was killed today at the industrial school at Oke, where he had gone to undergo a course of training. This morning the dead body was found under one of the windows. It is supposed he walked in his sleep and fell through the window, three stories, to his death.

Hit By Engine

Montreal, July 7.—Two Polish laborers were killed Saturday morning on the G.P.R. near Dorval. They were walking on the track and the whistle of the express was evidently unheard because of the noise of a freight which passed on the other track. Three of the party jumped clear but the other two were hit by the engine. One of them was killed outright and the other, Gen. Romak, died soon after in the hospital.

SPORTS.

Baseball.

Another defeat for the Hat

Lethbridge, July 6.—Lethbridge won a fairly easily victory over the league leaders in a fast game here tonight. Barrett was in the box for the Hatters and had to be replaced by Holte, who did better. For Lethbridge Schuch pitched a good game and kept the hits down.

Score by innings—
Lethbridge 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—3
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Edmonton 23 13 639
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Lethbridge at Medicine Hat.

Lacrosse.

League Game Wednesday.

The Edmonton lacrosse team have been badly engaged since their defeat by Calgary in getting into shape for the league game with the Strathcona's, on the exhibition grounds here on Wednesday evening, and their supporters are beginning to think that they have a good chance of defeating the locals. In the meantime the latter, with every intention of maintaining their place at the head of the league table, have not been idle, and are now in splendid trim for a strenuous contest. Whilst little doubt is entertained on this side of the river as to the outcome, the game is expected to be more even than any yet played by the Strathcona team this season.

Football

STRATHCONA CITY VS. CALEDONIANS

Tonight, Strathcona City and the Edmonton Caledonians meet in a scheduled league game. This will be an exciting time, as the teams have come together this season. On the former occasions the locals won, but this time the Strathcona team might practically win them the championship as they have only two other games to play, with all Saints and Edmonton city, both home fixtures. They will line up as follows:
Goal, Hawden; Backs, Carmichael, D. Bisset; Halves, Spotted, Blair, Holloway; Forwards, A. Bisset, Kent, Jugg, Hardy, Durrant.

Lipton Will Challenge Next Season

New York, July 7.—It is confidently expected that there will be another race for the America cup next season with Sir Thomas Lipton as the challenger. The races will, however, be greatly changed, the racing machine being excluded.

Winn Captured Yesterday.

(Special to the Chronicle)
Winnipeg, July 8.—Joseph Winn, who shot and killed Joseph Storey, and afterwards escaped from the jail in which he was incarcerated, pending his trial, was captured yesterday in the bush.

DEATH OF MR. RIDOUT

(Special to the Chronicle)
Toronto, July 8.—The death occurred here yesterday of Caroline Ridout, widow of the late Joseph Ridout.

Orangemen Parade.

Last evening L.O.O. 1654 held their annual church parade to the Methodist church. The procession was one of the longest ever seen in Strathcona, there being over one hundred Orangemen in line. The chaplain of the lodge, Rev. T. J. Johnston, preached an eloquent sermon on the aims and principles of the order, taking as his text, the motto, "Fear God, Love the Brotherhood, Honor the King." The Strathcona band very kindly headed the procession.

Next Friday, July 12th, the annual celebration of Edmonton county will be held at Wetaskiwin. It is expected that Strathcona, Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Agricola, Ponoka, Innisfail, Red Deer, Bowden, Hardisty and Wetaskiwin lodges will be in attendance, and the gathering should be a record one. A baseball tournament between Wetaskiwin, Camrose and Strathcona has also been arranged for, besides a long list of athletic sports. The local lodge are taking down the Strathcona band. The return rate for Strathcona to Wetaskiwin is \$1.20.

More Ontario Nominations

(Special to the Chronicle)
Toronto, July 8.—The Conservatives have nominated Tom Wallace of Centre York, A. E. Lancaster for Lincoln and A. F. MacLennan for North Perth.

Strike Riots in New York.

New York, July 8.—Street battles between the striking ice wagon drivers and strike breakers, which the police quelled after several of the participants had sustained injuries, followed another attempt of the American ice company to break the strike in Brooklyn Saturday. The appearance of several of the old drivers, who had returned to work enraged the strikers, who held them. Each delivery wagon was guarded by a policeman on its rounds, but the presence of the police failed to check the strikers in their efforts to stop the delivery of ice. Twenty strike breakers in Manhattan, employed by the American company, refused to go to work, declaring that they feared they would be injured by fireworks hurled at them by strike sympathizers.

Took Cramps and Drowned

(Special to the Chronicle)
Port Dover, July 8.—Charles Fontenille, who was on board a yacht off this port, went in swimming yesterday, and was suddenly seized with cramps, drowning before help could reach him.

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Trying To Discredit Orchard

Boise, Idaho, July 6.—When the Haywood trial was resumed there were few spectators in the big court room. The defence offered as its first witness of the day, Marion W. Moore, of McCabe, Ariz., a member of the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners. Moore said he had first met Orchard in Denver in May, 1904. He introduced himself. Some time later, after he told Orchard that he was going to Alaska to organize a union at Nome, Orchard asked him if he would mail a letter for him from Nome. It was addressed to Mrs. Moore. The witness explained that he wanted to "get rid of that woman." Moore said he arrived at Nome, Aug. 12, 1905, and mailed the letter two days later.

Following Moore upon the stand, came Mrs. Alice Fallon, of Butte, Mont. The witness was formerly Mrs. Harry Waters, wife of a man generally known as "Kid" Waters, a "gun man," who operated in the mining regions of Colorado. Asked what "Kid" Waters did, witness replied a "little bit of everything, detective chiefly." Waters died in 1905. Mrs. Fallon said Waters had been employed as a detective by the Mine Owners' Association. She did not see him in company with D. C. Scott and Lyle Gregor. "Yes," she said, "I have seen him in the past, usually carry." "Three," they were of all descriptions. "Do you know Sidney Desmond?" "Yes, sir." "Did you ever see him in your house?" "Yes, the first time in March, 1904." The witness was examined but briefly.

Foolish Talk on a Liner

New York, July 6.—At a fourth of July celebration on board the White Star Liner Baltic, which arrived yesterday, an incident occurred which disturbed good order. The presence of the 185 persons aboard. Two thirds of the first class passengers were Englishmen. The incident was the speech of former governor, Mrs. Adams, of Colorado, who was charged by his lawyers, with saying things that reflected upon Englishmen and that were derogatory to the British flag and the British Empire. Governor Adams is alleged to have said: "I think as much of an Englishman as a vegetarian does of a butcher," and "I was at a dinner not long ago and when I saw men sang 'God Save the King,' our party matched it with the words of My Country, 'If it Dies' and when they sang the refrain, 'If it Dies the King' we sang 'God Save, Teddy'."

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CURRENT COMMENT.

The B. C. Saturday Sunset, a tight weekly published at Vancouver, falls into the error of discounting the Leader of the Opposition at Ottawa, and claims that he is losing ground among his followers. It says among other things: "But there is this glaring difference in the situation of the Conservative party of today with the Liberal party of 1906. The latter had a leader, a master confidence inspiring leader, a man who could and did dominate the ranks of his followers, a man for whom he could cheer." All of which with due deference to Mr. Bruce is Tommy Rot. We recall quite distinctly more than one expression of opinion of men strong in the Liberal party prior to 1906, that their case was hopeless so long as Laurier was leader and it is a well known fact that Sir Wilfrid accepted the leadership on the retirement of Hon. Edward Blake with great reluctance, and held it for years only as a stop gap. It is a well known fact of Canadian history too that his appointment to the leadership was a compromise with Quebec and an appeal to their race prejudice and the Conservative leadership was therefore a compromise with Quebec and an appeal to their race prejudice and the Conservative leadership was therefore a compromise with Quebec and an appeal to their race prejudice.

It has always been the custom of governments to decri the leadership of the Opposition and to raise the red flag of danger if they are turned out and their opponents elected. As late as Sir John A. MacDonald said that he was to the extent of even hinting that his opponents were not loyal to Queen and flag.

In the late provincial election in Ontario, after the Ross Government had violated every Liberal principle, had disgraced the fair name of the province through the use of the shameful methods of the Vancos and Sullivans and Douglas Marples had played in organization work, when it found that the people were plainly protesting against its rule it appealed on the ground of expediency in leadership and cabinet ability and this in face of the fact that through their perjury at the polls, a Gibson, a Stratton and a Davis had been replaced by an A. G. McKay, a Geo. P. Graham and a W. A. Chalmers. The eloquent but superficial G. W. Ross, plaintively pleaded on the ground of patriotism too, that he be not turned out to make way for Mr. Whitney. The people however could not see it that way and out of a house of 98 Mr. Ross had behind him 29 members. Great patriot that he was, he deserted this remnant that had stood by him in his unrelieved prosperity, as soon as adversity overtook the party he had misled and he has since taken refuge in that political infirmity at Ottawa known as the Senate. The result of two years in office has shown that in all the qualifications of leadership with the single exception of flowery quotations from Macaulay or some other essayist, Premier Whitney is the superior by far of Hon. G. W. Ross.

The Chronicle believes that within a brief period there will be a man arise in Canada who will combine the independent forces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario against the baneful balance of power influence of Quebec. The Liberal party had the man who possessed the ability in Clifford Sifton, but he has placed himself outside the realm of available men for reasons which need not be named here. We regret that Mr. Borden when he found himself overtaken in the political avalanche which swept his native province of Nova Scotia in the last election could not have found a seat in the West. His most pleasing characteristic is the manner in which he grows on acquaintance and that is one qualification that would soon render him immensely popular in these provinces. Mr. Borden is not losing ground in his party and as the darkest hour is that before the dawn we are of the opinion that his long weary years in opposition will be crowned as have been those of his great opponent, by an opportunity to show his abilities in constructive statesmanship as well as in criticism of the government of the day and when that time comes we hope he will be the representative of some important constituency in the Great and Growing West.

It's enough to make an angel weep, Mr. Maclean was no more responsible for the reduction of the passenger rate than he was for the discovery of America. He has been talking a great deal about railway reform for years back but his proposals have been so moderate and unreasonable and his object was so obviously simply self advertisement that it was an utter impossibility for him to influence the course of events.

The facts of the matter should be well known in this part of Canada. Several public bodies, the Associated Boards of Trade and the Alberta Farmers' Association, took the question of reduction up and presented their opinions to the government railway commission. Mr. McIntyre, the member for Strathcona, busied himself with the case against the railways at Ottawa and without any fireworks whatever succeeded in securing the desired reform. Immediately it was announced, Mr. Maclean came out with a flashing headline in his paper and told how he did it all. But it can be shown that he was at no stage in its progress in touch with the movement which had this fortunate conclusion, and his attempt to reap advantage from it is as discreditable as most of the other acts of his public career have been. It is "reformers" of the Maclean type who cast discredit on the whole cause of political reform.

The above from our bright, esteemed and usually well posted contemporary the Edmonton News seems to us to be altogether unfair to W. F. McLean, M.P. We are not of those who have lauded Mr. McLean to the skies, but our observation of his work along the lines of radical reform, made from close range, leads us to believe that in the matter of the three cent fare he is deserving of more credit than any man, or party, or journal, or newspaper, or which long columns of inspired superlative gush have been directed and quoted where they are intended to do the most good. The three cent fare so generously conceded by the companies was a compromise. A compromise with what? Between the three and a half and four cent fares in existence and the two cent rate so vigorously advocated for by W. F. McLean. In view of the fact that all the United States roads have voluntarily conceded the two cent rate recently, how can the News say that McLean's proposal was "immoderate and unreasonable"?

Was McLean's agitation for Sunday cars in Toronto, which he conducted alone and unaided for years and which afterwards carried "immoderate and unreasonable"? Was his fight against the grasping methods of the giant electric companies in Ontario, which brought about Hon. Adam Beck's provincial hydro-electric scheme, "immoderate and unreasonable"? Is his gladiatorial combat with the Bell Telephone Monopoly and his advocacy of public ownership of the utility which that company enjoys a monopoly of in the East, "immoderate and unreasonable"? If so why have the Western provinces adopted his view and are now in the act of constructing their own lines? There is no public man in Canada who has accomplished so much for the people against the corporations and their servile slaves, a majority of the members of parliament, as has "Jilly McLean." The three cent fare idea originated with the Edmonton Board of Trade and specifically, we believe, with its former secretary F.T. Fisher, and it was advocated on the principle that half a loaf is better than no bread. It was taken up by Dr. McIntyre, M.P., of Strathcona. The Dr. himself admitted that McLean asked him to put two cents a mile into his bill instead of three but he refused, believing, that such a course would defeat the bill.

It is well known that a proviso exists in the bill letting the companies down easily and permitting a higher rate where it is shown that the business is so poor as to warrant it.

If the United States road without regard to density of population can pay dividends and make millions on a two cent rate, then McLean, instead of being "immoderate and unreasonable," is right and the News and Dr. McIntyre and the majority in parliament are wrong for within the volume of trade in Canada is not as large as in the United States there are not so many roads between whom to divide it up, and in the sparsely populated parts of the west which are used as an argument against the two cent rate, the settlers are and

have been going in advance of the railways and the business is awaiting their construction.

In the latest issue of the World, McLean's paper, to hand, we clip the following which bears indirectly on the subject:

THE PASS
The newspapers of Toronto are in receipt of a notice from the company operating the Gorge Railway at Niagara Falls, to the effect that, under the recent statute of the State of New York respecting public utilities, it will be obliged to discontinue all passes heretofore issued.

This statute places all public utility corporations in New York upon a radically the same plane as the railways engaged in interstate commerce occupy under the Roosevelt rate bill. In a word, the corporations are to be compelled to cease all discrimination and to give the average fare to the average man at all times and places.

The railway companies of Canada today do not receive upon an average more than two cents per mile for every passenger carried. But some passengers are carried free, others at one cent a mile or less, a number at two cents, while the occasional traveler pays three, and, sometimes, four cents.

It is unnecessary to discuss the various phases of the pass, or the propriety of excursion rates, mileage books, etc. The best judgment of our time is to the effect that water, light, transportation and other public utilities should be furnished at a flat rate to rich and poor alike. The postoffice runs on this plan admirably, the franking privilege being the only apparent exception.

To abolish the pass is a step in the right direction. Let everyone pay for his railway travel and all pay alike.

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CRY FOR WIVES IN CANADA.

A cry for wives comes to the province of Quebec from the French-Canadian settlement in the Canadian northwest territories, says a Montreal despatch to the New York Sun. A Roman Catholic clergyman in Alberta is contemplating trying a scheme suggested to him by the disconsolate bachelors of his parish for supplying them with wives.

Women, except squaws, are scarce in the Canadian territories and there is an absolute absence of young marriageable women of the same race and religion as the struggling settlers who have gone out here from the French parishes of the province of Quebec. The points are anxious to get them married to wives of their own nationality and faith, so as to encourage the growth in the northwest of a French-speaking and Roman Catholic population. Judging from the wonderful natural increase of the French-Canadian nation in the province of Quebec, the supplying of wives and mothers to the northwest settlers is all that is necessary for the early establishment of an equally populous settlement on the western prairies.

The northwest settlers are only too anxious to fall in with the desires of their priests in the matter of marriage. The lack of marriageable women in the northwest territories cannot be obviated by any efforts of their own. They cannot afford the time, even if they could spare the means, to pay a visit to the province of Quebec to select wives for themselves.

But they are prepared to do so to a certain extent by proxy. Provided a sufficiently large assortment is brought to their doors to select them some little chance for affection, they are prepared to devote their entire life to do the rest. The scheme has been discussed in the French-Canadian newspapers, and the clergy have a number of candidates for matrimony who probably leave for Calgary in a few weeks.

The apparent novelty of the scheme has drawn down upon it a large amount of criticism. It is argued that it is not only not a matter of propriety but also that even the charge of novelty can be brought against it. They point out that a similar episode was followed in France for supplying wives to the earliest French settlers in Canada.

Under the fostering care of Colbert, Louis XIV's great minister of finance and of the colonies, girls were taken from the houses of refuge of Paris and Lyons and sent out to Canada as prospective wives for the settlers. Mother Marie de l'Incarnation went in 1655 that 100 had come that summer and were nearly all provided with husbands, and that 200 more were to come the following year. In 1672 Count Frontenac, the governor of Canada, wrote home to Paris complaining of the scarcity of the supply of young women sent out from France.

"If 150 girls and as many servants," he said, "had been sent this year they would have found husbands and masters within a month." After some of the young women had been married at Quebec it was found that they had husbands at home. The priests became cautious in tying the matrimonial knot, and Colbert thereupon ordered that each girl should provide herself with a certificate from the cure or magistrate of her parish to the effect that she was free to marry.

It is expected that the same qualification will be required of all who are to be taken to the Canadian northwest under ecclesiastical auspices. Instead of exhibiting their hands, in imitation of the course adopted at Quebec two and a quarter centuries ago, these new candidates for matrimony will be encouraged by their conductors to accept places as domestic servants until sought out for wives by their future husbands.

Considering the loud call for wives in the northwest of Canada, the new arrivals will not have long to wait. Nor will it be necessary to entice or to drive the bachelor settlers into wedlock, as was the case with some of their forerunners in Quebec in the middle of the seventeenth century—Washington Herald.

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Mr. James Hottum, of Woodstock, Ont., and Geo. Fisher, of Berlin, are visiting at the residence of F. D. Johnston.

Tomorrow evening, L.O.L. 1054 hold their last meeting before July 12th. The Royal Arch degree will be conferred and it is expected that a record crowd will be in attendance. Visitors are cordially invited to attend.

Charles Young, foreman in the Plasterer's office, had the misfortune to get his hand caught in the press Friday and sustained such injuries as will necessitate his laying off for some time. Mr. Young's many friends will sympathize with him in his misfortune.

J. W. Britain has sold out his photographic business to M. Burgess, who has for some time been his assistant. Mr. Burgess is an able and experienced photographic artist, having been in the profession for upwards of twelve years at Hastings, England. He took possession today.

BORN

PARSON—At Strathcona, July 7, to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Parson, a son.

Lamont Notes.

The crops are all looking fine around here, the beautiful rain and sunshine having done their work. The farmers expect a good crop this year if "Jack Frost" does not make his appearance in August. The hay crop will also be good. Wm. Mainland has potatoes in blossom. We have had no outdoors to notice the crops and gardens this year. The cattle and horses are all fat now, and luxurious grass covers the prairie.

We took a run up to Edmonton on the 1st, and found that the only work that would suit the growth of the capital city is "wonderful." It truly is wonderful to walk around and note the buildings, the streets, etc. What an amount of money must have been spent in Edmonton lately, and also in Strathcona. We used to camp en route to Calgary just a little west of Strathcona, and then there was no Strathcona at all, and Edmonton consisted of about a dozen huts on the top of the hill.

"Edmonton" the spot where the Edmonton fair is held is not suitable. It will be all right for April, October, but too low and hot for July. The crowd was immense, and the last show what was taking in front of one of the hotels and watching the crowd go by. A decent and respectable crowd it was, but still we did not notice any distinguished men in our crowd. They were mostly mechanics. Such men are not so far west as yet, but so close the day is coming for such manifestations.

"The streets of Edmonton at present are hard on the feet and the cement sidewalks are hot and hard. The need of great care and judgment."

We wonder what all the people living in the city will do when the winter comes. There are about 3000 in winter at present, so a real winter is not far off. It looks a though his statement is correct.

We are glad to get back to the green prairie, where all is fresh and fair, and there is no rush and crush as in the cities.

"TO LET"—Room! One or two reduced gentlemen will find a furnished room at Mrs. J. J. Doolen's, N. cor. of Water Street.

"LOST"—From the premises of the undersigned: ten miles from Strathcona on the Cooking Lake trail, on Sunday, June 30, black mare with white face, 7 years old, weight about 1400 lbs., branded half circle over last 11 on right hip and last over 11 on left shoulder, sorrel horse with white face, two years old, weight 1200 lbs., no brand, but white cut on hind foot. Were seen three miles from home going east, same day, \$10 reward for information leading to recovery. F. Vogel, Strathcona P.O. Wkly. 48-51-49.

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TOP GRAFTING.

The Shaping of an Old Tree the Most Important Factor.

Every man who owns an orchard of any extent should be able to do his own grafting. The most important factor in the top grafting of an old tree is the shaping of the top. The top is to be shaped in a cone of four or five years, and a new one to be grown in the place. The original plan, or shape of the top will have to be followed in the general outline. In the pruning work given the following advice: Branches to be cut at an angle of 45 degrees, they do not exceed an inch and a half

in diameter as scions do better in such branches than in very large stubs. The operator should endeavor to cut the leading stubs at approximately equal distances from the center of the tree. The cut is a good illustration of an old apple tree top grafted.

Top grafting is performed in spring. The best time is when the leaves are pushing out, wounds made then heal quickly, and scions are most apt to live, but when a large amount of grafting must be done it is necessary to begin a month or two earlier. On the other hand, the operation can be extended until a month or more after the leaves are full grown, but such late efforts make short work of what is likely to produce the following winter.

FARM LABOR IN SCOTLAND.

Desire for Change and Chance Overcomes Persistent Thrift.

Canada is passing through an acute agricultural labor question just now. Many parts of rural Ontario have less men than they had last year. The scarcity of farm labor is assuming an acute form in some districts. The immigration to the Northwest provinces is one great source of this, while the employment of so many hands in railway construction is drawing them away from the farms. The Agricultural Post in Scotland talks about their agricultural troubles along a similar line. It says: "The Canadian is in the very worst of the laborers at the present time, and every week sees a most desirable lot of them who work on the land leaving these shores. It is the 'new' element with new ideas, and it would probably not matter very much but in many cases it is the very best of the laborers who are taking their departure. Having known many laborers who have left their homes, the writer has made a point of enquiring as to what the 'betterment' of their condition really amounts to. From the great body of evidence before us, we find that the men who are now in Canada put the same seal to their lips as they have here. They are going to Canada, and speak as little of 'trivial' enjoyment as they are here. They would have been equally as well off here as there. Ask them to leave their work to work a longer number of hours as they do in Canada and you will see what answer they will give. However, the point is not whether the laborers are better off in Canada than here, the question at issue is how to prevent the rural population which has been going on during the last quarter of a century. If the small landholders will be 'recompensed' their land, the sooner it is passed into the hands of the laborer, the better. The laborer, by responsible authorities, has not been accomplished by the 'Crested' side, as the ratio of success of population is greater in these parts than anywhere in Scotland."

"When to Wean Pigs." The proper time to wean little pigs is from six to eight weeks of age. The pig is then fit to wean. It should be fed on a mixture of corn and clover, and will grow just as well as if it were still nursing its dam. says a writer in Farm Life. The constant drain on the sow's system has been quite severe; consequently she should have all the time to recuperate before she has to nurse another litter. Furthermore, a good brood sow should raise two litters a year, and if the first litter longer than six or eight weeks this would be impossible. It is a heavy milk the dam should be weaned gradually, otherwise there is danger of injury to the new litter, but, as a rule, this does not give any trouble.

"Little pigs always do better when not more than six or eight in a single pen. Separate the smaller ones and give them every possible chance to grow. Give them a dry sleeping place, a rocky pen, a spacious yard in which to take exercise and spray frequently with an antiseptic and insecticide and keep them free from flies." And if similar care is given until the pig is six or seven months old it will weigh from 225 to 275, or just the proper weight to market.

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